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**Date:** March 19, 2012

**Subject:** (Amended Testimony) SB 2803 SD2, Relating to Childcare Contract Proposals

The Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) offers this testimony to **support the intent** of SB 2803 SD2 and express concerns. This measure prohibits the performance of a contract for childcare, pursuant to chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, but permits acceptance of a contract proposal by a non-licensed applicant. We support the intent of the bill to encourage competition among providers, however, we urge the committee to maintain current statutory provisions under chapter 346-61, which require applicants to be licensed before providing child care services. We believe requiring licensure ensures the quality of available childcare services.

HAEYC will continue to be a positive contributor to the state's transition to a true, comprehensive public/private early learning system. Our volunteers and staff would be happy to provide you more information to facilitate your decision-making. Please contact us at 942-4708 or [haeyc@hawaiihaeyc.org](mailto:haeyc@hawaiihaeyc.org).

HAEYC represents nearly 1,000 members who are early childhood development and educational professionals across the state.

*HAEYC's mission is to promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawaii's children (0-8) and their families.*

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